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PETITION TO ACCORD CORRESPONDENCE FILING DATE SHOWN ON EXPRESS MAIL LABEL "DATE-IN" (37 C.F.R. § 1.10(c))

This is a Petition to accord the correspondence in the above-identified patent application the "date in" of March 23, 2001 as was indicated on the Express Mail label No. EJ229640116US. It is respectfully contended that the date of April 4, 2000 accorded this correspondence by the PTO is incorrect. Listed below are the statements of fact as to facts supporting when the discrepancy was discovered, that the error was the fault of the PTO, and establishing that this petition is being filed promptly thereafter. 37 CFR § 1.10 (c) (1):

- On March 23, 2001, our Patent Administrator, Ms. Gannon filed by Express Mail No. EJ229640116US the above-identified patent application. (See Exhibit A)
- On May 2, 2001, Ms. Gannon called the USPTO Information Number requesting status on the above-mentioned application and was informed that the application was not on the system yet, but the fees for the application had

been taken out of the Deposit Account. The delay was explained as possibly due to training the new contractors.

- 3. On May 7, 2001, Donna Green, supervisor for PCT left a voice mail message to Ms. Gannon requesting copy of the postcard and transmittal form. A true copy of the postcard and transmittal were faxed to Ms. Green. (See Exhibit B)
- 4. On May 15, 2001, Ms. Green informed Ms. Gannon that the PTO was unable to find the application and to fax a copy of the missing application to her attention. Ms. Green further informed Ms. Gannon that she was going to cancel out the first application number 09/806,021 and issue a new application number. On May 15, 2001 a true copy of the above subject application was faxed to Ms. Green's attention. (See Exhibit C)
- On May 16, 2001 a Notice of Cancellation of Assigned Serial Number was issued from the PTO. (See Exhibit D).
- 6. On August 1, 2001 a Notification of Acceptance was issued in the subject application with an incorrect Date of Receipt of April 4, 2000 and an incorrect Date of Receipt for "all 35 U.S.C. 371 Requirements of April 4, 2000."

 Subsequent to this the Official Filing Receipt was accorded the incorrect filing date of April 4, 2000. (See Exhibits E and F).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be accorded the filing date of March 23, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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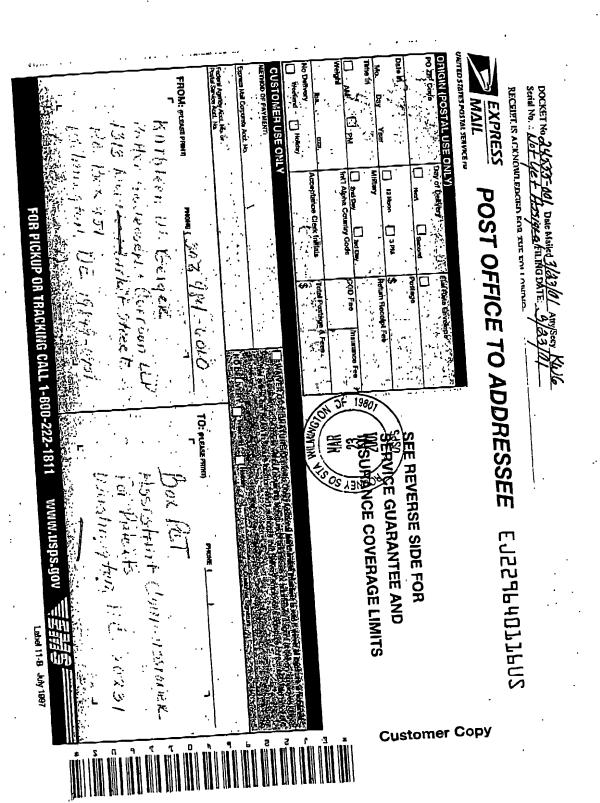


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